

House Resolution 120 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 120

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1 A Resolution honoring the Danville Station Museum Anne
2 Frank Connection.

3 WHEREAS, in the fall of 1939, a Danville, Iowa,
4 teacher, Miss Birdie Mathews, initiated a pen pal
5 exchange for her class and student Juanita Wagner
6 picked the name of a girl her own age who lived in
7 Amsterdam named Anne Frank, and student Betty Wagner
8 selected her sister, Margot Frank; and

9 WHEREAS, the efforts of Miss Mathews, who encouraged
10 her students to reach beyond the world of Danville to
11 children on the other side of the world, should be
12 recognized as an example to teachers everywhere; and

13 WHEREAS, with tireless energy and devotion, the
14 residents of Danville established the Danville Station
15 Museum; and

16 WHEREAS, the Danville Station Museum displays the
17 exchange of pen pal letters between the two Danville
18 children and the two Dutch children; and

19 WHEREAS, the Danville Station Museum Anne Frank
20 Connection exhibit of Anne and Margot Frank letters
21 stands as a testament that the horror of the Holocaust
22 should never be forgotten and that we are all one human
23 community; NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
25 the House of Representatives recognizes the members
26 of the Danville Station Committee for their efforts
27 in creating the Danville Station Museum Anne Frank
28 Connection as a memorial for all Iowans to remember

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1 that ordinary people can do extraordinary things; and
2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
3 Representatives encourages all Iowans to visit the
4 Danville Station Museum Anne Frank Connection and
5 contemplate its message.